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1. During the latter part of October 1948, a Russian named Nikolai Evdokimov arrived in Damascus from the Jazirah, where he had been staying for about three months as the guest of Mahmud Jamil Pasha, the Kurdish leader. Evdokimov is said to be charged with spreading Soviet propaganda among Armenians and Kurds, source states. After spending several days in Damascus, Evdokimov went to Beirut where he said he would spend about a month as an Attaché at the Soviet Legation. He is a relative of Petro Evdokimov, the former Soviet Commercial Attaché in Beirut. Nikolai Evdokimov was formerly an official at the Soviet Embassy in Iran, and was later transferred to Afghanistan. He knows the Russian, Kurdish and Armenian languages. ~~Comment.~~ Another source has reported that Mahmud Jamil Pasha, and other Kurds who are reportedly organizing the Kurds of the Jazirah, met with the staff of the Soviet Legation in Beirut on 29 September 1948. ~~(See)~~
2. Source states that the following newspaper publishers in Syria and Lebanon receive money from the Soviet Legation in Beirut:
- Raghib Uthmani, publisher of al-Siyasah in Damascus.
 - Wajih Haffar, publisher of al-Jihad in Aleppo.
 - Munir Rayyis, publisher of Barada in Damascus.
 - Husayn Habbal, publisher of Ababil in Sidon.
 - Qadri Qalaji, publisher of al-Tariq in Beirut.
3. Sa'id Fattah Inam, a Damascus dentist and a German sympathizer during World War II, is now working for the Soviets, according to source. He spreads Soviet propaganda on all possible occasions and claims that the Arabs will have to depend on the Soviets if they are to be saved from the British. (See ~~)~~

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4. Badr-al-Din Tamukh, a Circassian from Ras al-'Ain in the Jazirah, visited Beirut during the week of 20-27 October, after meeting with Victor Khangulov at Shtawra. Tamukh lived for some time in Iran after World War II and there became acquainted with Reuben Agranov. In 1946 Agranov, then a Secretary at the Soviet Legation in Beirut, gave Tamukh the task of spreading Soviet propaganda. The latter then went to Qunaytra, where the population is largely Circassian. Tamukh has developed close contacts with Isaac Isagulov of the Soviet Legation in Damascus, who is particularly interested in Tamukh because of the strong influence of the latter over the Circassians.

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